--- 50 Cigarettes - as used by “L. O. Grothe” - 16-10D - 1935-39 ---

“L. O. Grothe” had been manufacturing tobacco products in Montreal since the plant first appeared with a *green* license as the “Larue Tobacco Company” [**23-17**] on the Official List of 1904. Subsequently they were called the “Grothe Tobacco Factory” in the Official List of 1914. Designated as**16-10D** in the Official Lists of 1935 and 1942, they first appear in the cigarette cancellations of early 1939. The company was acquired by “Imperial Tobacco” in 1942.

“L. O. Grothe” began to code date their production when the manufacturer’s sales tax was raised from 8% to 10% under the Budget of 1938, or when the *up-front* purchase of excise stamps became mandatory. Their production prior to this time was roller cancelled - the following copy of the fifty cigarette stamp exhibits a multiple repeating **16-10-D** roller cancellation reading *vertically down*.

★**RC-403** - 50 cigarettes, perf 11, used by “L. O. Grothe”, Montreal,
with a pre-1938 Budget **16-10-D** rose-violet roller cancellation

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In 1939 they were using a numerical *weekly* three digit dating code, in which the first two digits provided ***the week***, and the last digit gave ***the year***. The first listed, date cancelled, fifty cigarette *perforated* was used by “L. O. Grothe” in the 14th week (March) of 1939.

★**RC-403** - 50 cigarettes, perf 11, a multiple black mimeograph **16-10D / 149**,
by “L. O. Grothe”, Montreal, in the 14th week (March) of 1939

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When the Budget of September 1939 increased the *excise duty* on small cigarettes from $4.00 to $5.00 per thousand (or 1¢ per ten cigarettes) the *across Canada* price of the regular fifty cigarette box was raised from 50¢ to 55¢. *In Montreal* (with their 2% municipal sales tax) fifty cigarettes now sold at 57¢, since any fraction of a *tax-cent* counted as a whole cent.

--- 50 Cigarettes - as used by “L. O. Grothe” - 16-10D - under the Budget of June 1940 ---

The next Budget of June 24th 1940 increased the *excise duty* from $5.00 to $6.00 per thousand small cigarettes, and the *across Canada* price for the box of fifty *regular* cigarettes was raised to 60¢. The first listed date cancelled Series “C” perforated fifty cigarettes stamp from “L.O. Grothe” under the June 1940 Budget comes from October 1940.

As of July 1st 1940 *Quebec*, rescinding all previous provincial and municipal cigarette taxes, imposed a flat 10% tobacco tax. This raised the price of fifty regular cigarettes *in Quebec* to 66¢ (65¢?) per box.

To identify production under the June 1940 Budget “L.O. Grothe” changed their cancellation code from the pre-war *weekly code* to a *monthly code* - in which the first digit (or two digits) read as the ***month***, and the final digit gave the ***year of production***. Their initial *monthly* code for January 1940 (as illustrated in the twenty-two cigarette file) reads as **1-40** but by February 1940 their date code was being printed as **20**.

★**RC-403** - 50 cigarettes, perf 11, mimeographed by “L.O. Grothe”, Montreal,
in a multiple black **16-10D / 100** from October 1940

[★RC-403]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1940	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	**100**	---	---
1941	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	**121**
1942	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

--- 50 Cigarettes - L. O. Grothe's surcharge for the June 1942 Budget ---

When the Budget of June 24th 1942, under the "Special War Measures Act", imposed an added *excise tax* of 1¢ per five cigarettes (or fraction thereof) "L. O. Grothe" surcharged fresh sheets of **RC-403** with a pair of *orange-red* (Lee Brandom's *vermilion*) 6 mm. compressed Gothic *killer* **10** as the company provisional **RC-514**. These sheets had been purchased from Ottawa under the 1942 Budget rate.

Apparently there was no fifty cigarette surcharge made using *pre-Budget on-hand stock* in their *vermilion* three-line sequence **RC-499/505**.

★**RC-514** - **10** on 50 cigarettes, perf 11, the "L. O. Grothe" vermilion surcharge for the June 1942 Budget, mimeographed **16-10D / 92** reading *vertically up* in September 1942

[★RC-514]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1942	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	**82**	**92**	---	---	---
1943	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Under the Budget of June 1942 the *across Canada* price for the pack of fifty *small* cigarettes was 60¢ plus the tax on the stamp, or 70¢ per box. *In Quebec* (with their 10% provincial tobacco tax) the price of *fifty cigarettes* would have been 66¢, plus the tax on the stamp, or 76¢ per package (75¢?).

--- 50 Cigarettes – BABN's surcharge for the June 1942 Budget - as used by "L.O. Grothe" ---

At the same time for general distribution under the June 1942 Budget BABN surcharged the perforated *fifty* cigarettes stamp with their usual 6 and 3 mm. two-line Gothic **10c. / EXCISE TAX** as **RC-651**.

★**RC-651** - **10c. / EXCISE TAX** on 50 cigarettes, perf 11, the BABN surcharge for the June 1942 Budget, mimeographed **16-10D / 102**, by "L. O. Grothe" in October 1942

[★RC-651]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1942	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	**102**	**112**	**122**
1943	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Under the Budget of June 1942 the *across Canada* price for the pack of fifty small cigarettes was 60¢ plus the tax on the stamp, or 70¢ per box. *In Quebec* (with their 10% provincial tobacco tax) the price of *fifty* small cigarettes would have been 66¢, plus the tax on the stamp, or 76¢ per pack (75¢?).

--- 50 Cigarettes - BABN's 20c. re-surcharge of RC-651 for 1943 - as used by "L. O. Grothe" ---

When the Budget of March 1943 doubled the *excise tax*, BABN re-surcharged sheets of **RC-651** in dark blue ink with their usual 6½ mm. Gothic **20c.** as the BABN provisional **RC-759**.

★**RC-759 - 20c.** over **10c. / EXCISE TAX** on 50 cigarettes, perf 11, the BABN re-surcharge of **RC-651**, for the Budget of March 3rd 1942, mimeographed **16-10D / 53** by "L. O. Grothe" in May 1943

[★C-593]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1943	---	---	---	---	**53**	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1944	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Under the Budget of March 1943 the *across Canada* price for the pack of *fifty* small cigarettes was 60¢, plus the tax on the stamp, or 80¢ per box. *In Quebec* (with their 10% provincial tobacco tax) the price of *fifty* small cigarettes would have been 66¢, plus the tax on the stamp, or 86¢ per box (85¢?).

--- 50 Cigarettes - BABN's 20c. surcharge of RC-403 for the 1943 Budget - used by "L. O. Grothe" ---

For general distribution when the Budget of March 1943 doubled the *excise tax*, BABN surcharged the perforated fifty cigarettes stamp with their 6 and 3 mm. two-line Gothic **20c. / EXCISE TAX** as **RC-802**.

★RC-802 - 20c. / EXCISE TAX on 50 cigarettes, perf 11, the BABN Gothic surcharge of **RC-403**
for the Budget of March 3rd 1942, mimeographed **16-10D / 113** by "L. O. Grothe" in November 1943

[★RC-802]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1943	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	**113**	**123**
1944	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

"L.O. Grothe" was acquired by "Imperial Tobacco" in 1942, and apparently cigarette production was terminated early in 1944 and shifted to Montreal.

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